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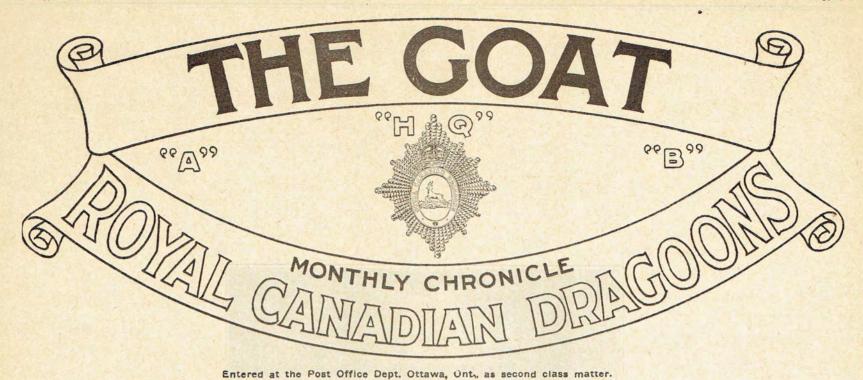
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HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Canadian Dragoons.



Canadian Dragoons celebrated his 69th birthday on June 3rd. All ranks of the Regiment wish him Health and Happiness.

"Long to Reign Over Us."

Capt. J. Wood, R.C.D., Cavalry Barracks, left this month for Ottawa to assume the duties of Administrative officer at the Central Machine Gun Camp at Connaught Ranges.

Lieut. E. W. H. Berwick, R.C. D. who has been acting as District Signalling Officer, M.D., No. 4 Montreal, for the past three months has returned to Cavalry Barracks.

### CAPT. L. D. HAMMOND RETIRES ON PENSION

Capt. L. D. Hammond, who is at present on leave pending retirement, rounds off twenty-eight years service, all in the regiment. this summer. In 1906 he joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons at St. Johns as a boy and a year later was promoted to L/Cpl. trumpeter. In 1911 he attended the Coronation of His Majesty King George V being a member of the Dominion Contingent for which he received the Coronation Medal. In 1913 he was promoted Squadron Quartermaster -Sergeant with which rank he proceeded overseas in 1914. In 1917 after three years service in the field he was commissioned and pro ceeded to Canada and the United States on recruiting duties. This finished, he joined the regiment at the Depot Squadron in Toronto. On re-organization he was posted to 'A' Squadron and accompanied it to St. Johns in 1920 where he remained until the year 1928 then transferred to 'B' at Toronto where he finished his service. Capt. Hammond was recognized as one of the foremost horsemen and was family.

Mis Majesty King George V, who a member of the Canadian Army is Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Team every year with one exception since 1925. Last year he captained this team which proceeded to the National Horse Show. Madison Square Gardens at New York. All ranks extend their best wishes to Captain and Mrs. Hammond and their family in their new home in England where Captain Hammond has proceeded taking two of his horses.

### LT.-COL. H. C. SPARLING D.S.O.

To friends and associates, and particularly to old Comrades of the Great War years, the death of Lt.-Col. H. C. Sparling is a sad shock. Many were unaware of the illness which brought the end on Saturday June 2nd. Col. Sparling's death closed a long military career beginning when he joined the Mississauga Horse as a Lieut. in March 1908. In 1913 he transferred to the Reserve of Officers as a Major. When war broke out he again became active and in 1916 he was promoted Brevet Lt .-Col., In 1919 he joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons and was immediately posted to M.D. No. 7 as G.S.O. 2.

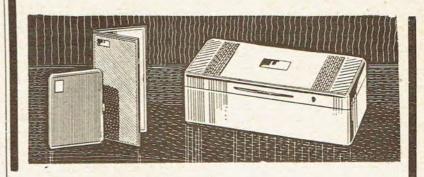
From 1922 to 1927 he wasA .A. and Q.M.G., M.D. No. 7 and from then till his death he was G.S.O., M.D. No. 6.

In France Col. Sparling was Brigade Major 12th Infantry Bde. and later G.S.O. No. 2, the 33rd Imp. Division. At the close of the was he was a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Si-

Although Col. Sparling never actively served with the Regiment he always took a keen interest in regimental affairs and never missed an opportunity of visiting us wherever possible.

Our deepest sympathies are conveyed to Mrs. Sparling and her

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The Goat wishes to congratulate S.M.I. W. O. 1. F. C. Cox, on his recent promotion to that rank.

S.M. Cox joined the Regiment in 1905 in Toronto and in 1906 came to St. Johns and was promoted to L/Cpl.. In 1912 he was finally promoted sergeant with which rank he proceeded overseas in 1914 and served through the war. In 1921 he was promoted Sergeant Instructor at Toronto, Squadron Sergeant Major Instructor in 1924. which year he was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and 1927 was promoted Quartermaster Sergeant Instruc-

He was transferred to St. Johns in 1929 where he gradually became acclimatized.

The Editor of the Goat regrets. that in a recent issue certain contributions were included which made references of a personal na-

It is pointed out that this contribution was sent in by one of our Old Comrades, apparently without; due consideration, and the Editor desires to disassociate himself with the sentiments expressed in the contribution, and regrets that it gave offence.

In future a stricter censorship will be maintained.

Manning, A/Sgt. L. S.S.M.I. F. Russell, Tprs. Raybould, Ross, Northrup and Haskett left for Ottawa this month where they are on duty at the Central Machine Gun camp Connaught Ranges.



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### St. Johns Notes.

The long delayed summer seems to have arrived at last, and those of us who a few weeks ago were complaining about the cold are now grumbling about the heat. The Richelieu River is becoming a popular place after the day's work, and one is forced to admit that the barracks, though rather cold and windy during the winter months are situated in an ideal spot for recreation on a hot summer's day.

Mr. J. Pinsonneault, photographer, St. Johns, Que., has made two very interesting photos of the barracks here.

The views are taken from the river Richelieu side of the barracks, one made in mid summer with the trees in full foliage and one made in mid winter with the ground covered with snow and the trees bare.

These photos can be secured direct from Mr. Pinsonneault at a cost of 75c each of if you prefer them tinted in natural colour effect they are \$1.25 each, size 8 x 10 inches.

We are glad to see Tpr. C. Doherty (trumpeter to you) back in the Station hospital after his quick sojourn to Victoria Hospital Montreal. He recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.—(Hurry up and get better, Don, Reveille ain't what it used to be)

### RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

We would ask our readers whose Subscriptions are running out and who have received notice thereof to please menew them as soon as possible so that not a single issue may be missed.

Hearty congratulation to 1st troop on winning the Proficiency cup this year.

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### GARRISON TEAM WIN CHAL-LENGE CUP AT ST. JOHNS FIELD DAY

The St. Johns Annual Field Day sponsored by the Salon A.C. was held at Moose Park St. Johns P.Q., on Sunday June 17, 1934, about 4000 spectators being present.

A track team representing the Garrison were entered in the event and covered themselves with glory by amassing a total of 44 points, to win the Grand Aggregate Challenge Cup. from teams representing the Salon A.C., The St. Pats A.A.A. and the St. Johns Recreation Club.

That competition was keen is illustrated by the fact that just prior to the last event three points only, separated the scores of the leading teams, and it was not until the Garrison gained first and second place in the 440 yards event that the winner of the Grand Aggregate could be determined, Salon A.C. were the runners up, with St. Pats A.A.A. who won the cup last year, third.

The team was lead by Trooper B. S Lewis, R.C.D. who by scoring a total of 21 points won the cup for the individual Aggregate.

The points were awarded in Senior events on the basis of 4, 3, 2, 1 and for Junior events 3, 2, 1

The following is a summary of points gained by the Garrison:—

Seniors

Tpr. B. S. Lewis, R.C.D.

100 yds 1st—4 points
220 yds. 1st—4, ponits
Broad Jump, 1st 4 points
50 yds 2nd—3 points
440 yds., 2nd—3 points
High jump, 2nd—3 points

Total 21

Pte. Cameron, R.C.R.
220 yds, 3rd—2 points
440 yds, 1st—4 points

Total 6

Tpr. T. J. Gell, R.C.D. 3 mile, 3rd—2 points

Total 2

Pte. Hamilton, R.C.A.M.C. High Jump, 4th—1 point

Total 1

440 Relay Race, Garrison Team:

Tpr. Lewis, Ptes. Brammer, Wilkinson, Cameron, 1st—4 points

Total 4

Junior:

Pte. E. Forgrave, R.C.R.

220 yds, 1st—3 points
Broad jump, 2nd—2 points

100 yds, 3rd—1 point

Total 6

Ptc. J. R. Marinier, R.C.R. High jump, 3rd—1 point Total 1 point

440 yd relay race, junior Garrison Team: Tpr. Forgrave, Ptes. Forgrave, Marinier, Johnson

1st-3 points

Total 3

Grand Aggregate cup, Garrison team, 44 points, Individual Grand Aggregate Cup, Tpr. B. S. Lewis, R.C.D. 21 points.

Pte. Briar, R.C.R. and Maclean from the Relief Project completed the team, and although they didn't figure in the prize list, put up a very creditable performance.

The Salon A.C. are to be congratulated for organizing this Annual event, which both from the interest it has aroused amongst competitors and spectators, and from the quality of the performances made, may again be regarded as a huge success. The entries were so numerous that several heats were required in many events.

The trooping of the Colour by His Majesty's Canadian Grenadier Guards took place at the Percival Molson Memorial stadium on Tuesday June 5th in celebration of the birthday of His Majesty King George V. It was regretted that His Excellency the Governor General and lady Bessborough were unable to be present through unforeseen circumstances, Major-General A. G. L., McNaughton, C. M.G., D.S.O., L.L.D. p.s.c. Chief of the General Staff inspected the Guards and the guard of Honour formed by Les Fusilliers Mont Royal.

Nearly 10,000 witnessed this spectacle which was excellently carried out and thoroughly enjoyed.

From the Gazette of the Royal Hussars we are pleased to learn of the appointments of Major-Gen. Bruce Hay, who takes over the duties of Inspector General and head of the British Military Mission in Iraq, and Brigadier J. Blakiston-Houston, D.S.O., who is appointed Inspector of Cavalry in England.

Major General Hay held an appointment in the Department of Militia and Defence. Ottawa, prior to the great war and Brigadier Blakiston-Houston will be remembered by many as G.S.O. of our old Divison the 2nd Cavalry and later called the 5th Cavalry Division.

From the same Gazette we also learned with regret of the death of Brigadier-General Arthur Seymour who was a Brigade Commander of the 4th Cavalry Corps, France 1918.

A photographic reproduction of a painting by Sir Joshua Reynolds. of Major John Andre, has been presented by Lt.-Col. G. R. Perkes, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., P.P.C.L.I.

Major Andre served in this fort as a Lieutenant in the 7th Foot Royal Engineers, and afterwards on the Staff of the British Army in New York He was taken prisoner near Haverstraw, N.Y. where he had gone to arrange the purchase of plans of the defences of West Point, with General Benedict Arnold, its commander. He was tried as a spy and hanged by order of General George Washington.

A new recruit passed by an officer without saluting, "Here my man" called the officer, "Do you see this uniform I'm wearing?"

"Yes, replied the recruit, as he came forward and inspected the officer's attire, "And just look at this darn suit they game me."

American tourist (motoring through St. Johns) "Oh, look, Mair son a louer, what a pretty name for a house."

Gentleman (at door) Is May in?
Maid (naughtily") May who,"
Gentlemen (peeved) "Mayonnaise."

#### THE RIDE

I have heard people say
That in more than one way,
The ride is a great deal of fun
That to canter and trot
Round the school quite a lot,
Is a joy that is second to none.

That to leap o'er the bars
And receive a few scars,
Is a pleasure that cannot be beat
That to grip with your thighs
Till the horse nearly dies.
Is worth while to attain a good seat.

But if you are slow,
And don't always show
Just that interest they seem to ex
pect,

And don't seem to mind
When your horse lags behind,
And your elbows and knees aren't
correct.

Then it's hard to decide

If you are fond of the ride,

As your friends claim that they
were before,

For the instructors take pride
In tanning your hide
On the tan-bark that lies on the
floor.

When you're ordered to jump
And you rattle and bump,
And you're swerving an awful
amount.

Then you hear him remark,
As you dust off the 'bark'
"Who granted you leave to dismount?"

When you're told to 'quit rein.'
And you clutch at the mane
Of your horse, just to keep your
self seated.

Then you long for the end,
When the Sergeant will send
You away, with the lesson completed!

Maid: (shutting the door)
"Mayonnaise is dressing."

A joke like an egg, is never the same after it has been cracked.

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### Militia Notes.

### The Montreal Garrison Church Parade

The annual Church Parade of the Montreal Garrison took place on Sunday afternoon May 27th, and was one of the largest military parades held in Montreal, since the war.

The service was held at the Percival Molson Memorial Stadium, the units marching there independently.

A few minutes after four the head of the long column, the R.C. N.V.R. passed the saluting base where Lieut.-General Sir Archibald Macdonell K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., took the salute. Then followed the Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Infantry, Machine Gunners and other branches of the Service, each unit looking exceptionally smart and following the traditions of the Regiments they represented. Not only were the regiments following their traditions but their traditions were literally following them, for behind each Regiment marched detachments of their veterans, some wore medals of wars previous to the last great one, and some bore scars that even time and advancement of medical science will never heal. All passed the saluting base with a smart 'eyes right' that a trained soldier never for-

Several of the regiments carried their Colours with them, and hats were raised as a mark of respect as they passed.

The bands of his Majesty's Canadian Grenadier Guards, the Royal Highlanders of Canada and the Bugle Band of the Victoria Rifles of Canada, in their prewar uniforms added touches of old time splendour to the parade, while the now familiar strains of "Mademoiselle from Armentieres" and "La Madelon" were heard as the Royal Montreal Regiment, and the Fusiliers Mount Royal swung past the saluting base.

Quite a large number of men in the ranks were medals and the splendid physique of the younger recruits proves that the Militia is not wanting in quality.

### E. P. MALLORY NAMED TO ASSIST PRESIDENT

### C.N.R. Official Had Wide Experience

E. P. Mallory, director of the Canadian National Railways, Bureau of Statistics and of capital and operating budget work of the railway, was yesterday appointed as assistant to the president.

Mr. Mallory has had wide experience in railway work. He was born in St. Andrew's N.B., in 1878 and at the age in 18 started in the operating department of the C.P.R. When the South African War was declared he joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons, served with them until the occupation of Pretoria and then was transferfered to military railway duty. He remained in the service of the south African Government Railways until 1908, when he returned to Canada, joined the Canadian Northern Railway, and came into the Canadian National organization in 1918.

Mr. Mallory has twice been loaned to the Mexican Government to give advice on the reorganization of the Government railways there.

-Montreal Star.

### OBEYING ORDERS

John was a fresh arrival and had obtained a situation in a hotel as as a sort of a man of all work. "Now, John" said the landlord. "you see that sign, 'Gentlemen must use the spittoons.' If you notice any of the guests violating that rule, I want you to report the matter to me."

"I will, sir." John kept a sharp lookout, and after watching a gentleman for half an hour. went to him and said:

"Do you see the sign on the wall, sir?"

"Yes."

"Why don't you observe it, then?"

"I'm not spitting on the carpet," said the gentleman, rather astonished.

"I know you're not, and you're not using the spittoons neither. Spit or I'll report you."

### News of Other Days, Ten Years Ago.

Items taken from The Goat of-June 1924.

Major Hubert Stethem, R.C.D., has been elected Commodore of the St. Johns Yacht Club.

A large open fireplace has just been installed in the Anteroom of the Station Sergeants' Mess, this will be a great improvement to their already handsome and comfortable room.

Lieut. L. D. Hammond, R.C.D., is leaving next week for Sussex, N.B. where he will be Cavalry Instructor at the 16 day Camp School which is being held there.

Capt. M. H. A. Drury, R.C.D., and Q.M.S.I. R. J. Brown, R.C.D., have been detailed to report on June 30th to the Canadian Small Arms School at Connaught Range where they will be employed on Instructional duty until October 9th.

Sgt. T. King, M.M. R.C.D., has been transferred from 'A' Squadron at St. Johns to 'B' Squadron, Toronto. Sgt. King served with 'B' Sqn., during the war, and on the reorganization came down to St. Johns in 1920. In returning to his war time squadron he leaves fany friends behind in St. Johns

Before leaving for Toronto, Sgt. King was presented with a gold watch and chain, by the members of 1st troop.

The unveiling ceremony of the Memorial Arch erected by the Royal Military College Club in memory of the ex-cadets of the Royal Military College of Canada took place at Kingston on Sunday June 15th.

According to a recent order the Ontario Mounted R:fles have resumed their old title and are now to be called the Mississauga Horse. No doubt this change will be most popular to the members of that famous Regiment, who recruited the 4th C.M.R. Bn. C.E.F. as well as the Depot Squadron R.C. D. during the war.

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### Toronto Notes.

### The March from Toronto to Niagara.

On the morning of Wednesday the 30th, the Regiment under the command of Major Baty, with Capt. Berteau in command of the Squadron left Stanley Barracks, for the annual march to camp.

The first day's objective was Oakville some 26 miles distant. The ground had been carefully studied by map and reconnaissance before hand and the march was carried out without any hesitation. A closely timed schedule of walk and trot was followed and except for the usual 10 minute halt each hour, the Squadron moved directly to Erindale eighteen miles from Toronto, where after dismounting and unsaddling, the horses were watered and fed and allowed to graze until 12.15 p.m. when the march was resumed.

From that point to Oakville, where Mr. Hugh Wilson so kindly gave us the freedom of his farm, the remainder of the march was practically all uphill. Towards noon the day became very hot but under the careful supervision of pace, the Squadron arrived in Oakville at 1.40 p.m. with the horses in perfect shape. The march for the first day was very successful and there were no injuries apart from a few scratches.

After the horses had been fed and quartered, everyone welcomed the meal which was awaiting them as the 6 a.m. breakfast had long since been forgotten. Lunch over, a short rest enabled us to unpack before we turned in for afternoon stables. Supper followed at 6.30, and shortly afterwards preparations for a well deserved night of rest were in full swing. By 10 p.m. the entire Squadron had turned in except for the odd few who could not resist the bright lights of Oakville.

Five a.m. reveille Thursday morning saw the entire bivouac humming with activity. Unfortunately, during the night one of the best jumping troop horses was kicked on the fetlock when the bright lights of a car approaching the camp irightened the hor-

ses. By 6.30 a.m. everything was in readiness for the move and at 7.00 a.m. the Sqn. moved out of Oakville. The early morning was perfect for the march and at 9.30 a.m. we arrived at Burlington Beach where the horses were watered. Twenty-five minutes was allowed for this and the Son. pushed on to Winona where in the shelter of the high ground which forms a part of the famous Niagara Encampment we made our second bivouac at Col. Armand Smith's spacious farm. The march of 27 miles was completed in five hours and ten minutes. Here at Winona, stable accommodation and shelters were provided for practically all of the horses. The same routine of the previous day was followed and by supper time everyone found a few minutes to rest and talk over the march.

Friday -5 a.m. Reveille, stables breakfast, packing and saddling up and we were ready to move at 7 a.m. Continuing our well regulated marched we arrived at Beams ville where the horse were unsaddled, watered and fed. A few minutes for a cigarette and we were back in the saddle moving on to St. Catharines where the populace turned out and traffic came practically to a standstill as we rode proudly through the city to the Riding and Driving Club. This was perhaps the most luxurious bivouac as regards stabling for every horse had a standing stall and a great many had box stalls. Accommodations for water ing were excellent and it was no time until the Sqn. had been watered and the men were answering the call of food. A cool night followed the terrific heat of the afternoon and at Reveille next morning everyone was full of the joie de vivre' and eager for the final march.

Saturday morning we moved off as per schedule at 7 a.m. and the last stage of a very successful march had begun. The day threatened to be very warm and fortunately our last objective was only twelve miles away. At 9.10 a.m. we rode into Camp and the march was over.

For one whose first march it was, every day presented new country and fresh interest. As we rode along questions as to the

topographical and tactical features of the country kept everyone alert. The spirit throughout the march was very high and to hear everyone singing as we rode along through the cool mornings certainly spoke well of the "esprit de corps" of the Regiment.

The organization of the march left nothing to be desired. Every time we stopped, arrangements had had been previously made for watering and feeding the horses, messtents, horse-lines and the like and it can be truthfully said that those who functioned in this work during the march deserve much credit.

The regiment is most grateful to Mr. Hugh Wilson, Col. Armand Smith and the St. Catharines Riding and Driving Club, all of whom very kindly allowed us the use of their stables and grounds. A great debt of gratitude is owing to the Cosgrave Brewery and Mr. Victor Gianelli both real friends of the regiment.

Lt.Col. R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., continues to improve and we look to have him with us before very long. All ranks join in wishing him continued good luck, and a speedy recovery.

We welcome to 'B' Squadron Troopers C. A. Mills, W. H. Stagg. J. Cowman and Boy Boydell, who have forsaken the lazy way of "Civvie Life" to become soldiers. None of the above are exactly strangers to us, as they have all been around before.

Tpr. W. W. McMurray, has made his escape from Christie St. Hospital, and is at present enjoying a short leave before plunging into the strenuous campaign at Camp.

Tpr. A. I. Morgan, is making a fine job of the 'Cap Badge' which stands at the head of our lines. The one built last year was heavily attacked by flocks of cows (or should it be 'bevies') and was a complete wreck when we arrived.

The march from Toronto was as usual a great success, there being only one casualty throughout the march. We were struck by the fact that everybody had lots of time to

rest at each halt, and we never once heard any one say that they were tired. At that we had had to step on the gas to keep ahead of the Mounted Men.

A small deputation visited Hamilton during our stay at Winona, (who said Wyoming?) and those that made the trip were royally entertained by the 2nd Dragoons.

The Musical Ride at the tournament last month was very well received, and complimentary remarks from all sides poured in. There is something about a 'B' Squadron Ride that never fails to please the public.

The Activity Ride at the same show, probably outshone the Musical Ride, certainly, if the plaudits of the crowd is to be any judge, and 'Goon' Burgon was very much perturbed when he was not allowed to have the horses jump over him, as they so often d d in practise. We can see where this ride will become even more famous than the one of octaves and semi-quavers. (i.e. Music.)

We were glad to see some of our old friends from St. Johns, notably Pte. Wilkinson, who plays football as well as ever. Also some of the H.Q. wallahs whom we met last at Ottawa in 1929, the year of the famous Mechanical Convey from Petawawa.

Congratulations to S.M.I. F. C. Cox, on his recent promotion to Warrant Officer, Class 1.

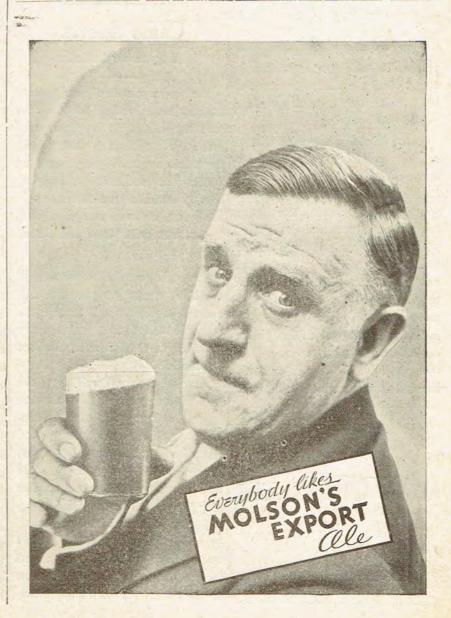
### Here and There.

An entirely different view meets our eyes, as we raise our head from our desk, and take a swift look out the window ..... instead of bare looking buildings, we see tents, and many trees. . over to our left as we write we see 'Joe' (Willis to you) either going to or from the Canteen, and not altogether certain himself, just which way he is going ... . we have done some real work, for the first time this year, since coming to camp, mainly due to the fact that we had no fixed place of abode for several days, and did many "Pick up thy bed and Walk" acts, before always thought they might win. .

we finally became settled ... we also did a bit of "Picking up thy Office and Git"....but that is by the way....we had quite an enjoyable trip to Camp, although we did not have the holiday we were looking for . . . . there being no horse capable of carrying our typewriter, we found ourselves a member of the mechanized details, which hurried frenziedly forward on each days march, so as to have the table laid for dinner when the troops arrived ... fortunately for us, our particular mount (which wasn't so particular) was a F,ord a specie with which we have had some experience, and we had no difficulty in making the thing stop at the alotted places .... and we didn't have to use the curb rein much either ..... at Oakville, where we put on the breaks for the first time since leaving Barracks, we unloaded our bed, (in our own time,), and picked ap one of the many magazines which we had thoughtfully taken along with us, with a view to resting at ease until Mr. Cosgrave arrived . . ....our rest, as it turned out, was short lived, for the new 'Q' Executive, called hastily, and in no uncertain terms for "Assistance" and having been a Boy Scout in our younger days (way back), we hurried to the rescue....the next thing we remember, after wiping the sweat from our brow, was that we were engaged in a very humble task which is included in the 'Duties of a Pioneer on the Line of March'' .... we thought, as we dug, and before we put up the canvas 'if only she could see us now?'....however there were no spectators unless one would count a bevy of cows, who had nothing else to do but watch.....as we said before, we enjoyed ouncelves and were quite gratified to discover that a spot of work didn't get us down....we had quite an enjoyable time at Hamilton, where our old friends the 2nd Dragoons entertained us in Royal fashion .... Squadron Sports are already in full swing, and we may be found chasing the elusive baseball for 2nd troop, or lending our boyish treble to the cries of "Well played Sir"....in the first game of the season, we made enough errors on third base, that our opponents

....final score, 24-22 in favour of the 2nd troop....crickeet has also been opened, John Martin making a name for himself by scoring 43 not out against 1st troop ..... but more sporting-news elsewhere ... to get down to the actual news .... we hear a lot about a young lad who put in a weekend pass for Brantford, to go to Toronto .... rather rotten geography, we think ....and we hear a trifle about Joe, (Willis to you) who claims he has at last fallen into his niche... ....then there is the story about the youngster who made a fast return trip to Toronto so fast in fact that he stopped at the halfway house on the way over and ordered a hot dog ... on the way back, or so the story goes, he also stopped at the Halfway house, and told them to put mustard and re-Ish on the said hot dog . . . . thanks a lot Baron, for that one .... and then of course, there was that Ladies Aid, "Wotta" Payne, who fell asleep at the firing point .... no, he did not make marksman ... .... George, who did such pheno-

menal shooting last year, didn't do nearly as well this time, but as he said himself, "it is a bad year for Markers'' .... we were surprised to discover, an our arrival at Camp, that the expedition which had passed through Toronto, en route from St. Johns to Niagara Camp, had not only arrived at Camp, but had their beds made down...nice work, Bing old lad ... and we hope you get home in time for Christmas, or should we say Noel?.....we searched the Connecting file cover to cover, but found no news of the Inter-Unit Hockey Match,...in case anyone wants to know how the old Drags made out, we won, after a draw, 1.0...rather late for hockey anyway ... . the new Cook, took one look at the Mess Account, and immediately hoisted a Blue Eagle outside the Mess Tent ....nice work Bill and we hope you can notice all the nice streamlined figures around the lines ... . Joe, (Willis to you) and his motto "Bis dat qui c'to dat" is not exactly proving itself, as no one is giving ..



(translation sent on request)....
and we think that is about a sufficient dose for this month....
don't let the sun get you, and we'll be seein' ya....we sign off to the familiar strains of our theme song 'Just a year ago today'....thanks....and Hearty Congratulations, Jimmy.

J. B. H.

### POLO.

'B' Sqn. Officers Win Master's Shield

"Winners of the Master's Shield for 1934 Royal Canadian Dragoons, Lieut. H. A. Phillips, on 'Maple' Lieut. A. P. Ardagh on 'Bonnie Queen' Lt. A. D. Mann, on 'Tiny' and Lieut. J. D. B. Smith on 'Topsail.'

For the first time since the Polo Shield was presented for competition, the R.C.D. team has emerged successful. It has taken many seasons of constant and faithful practice, careful coaching, and hard endeavour, but the final result has at last been achieved, and without boasting or unduly patting ourselves on the back, it was a popular win. With two 'green' players and three 'green' ponies, the odds for the team were about 30 to 1 against winning, but hard riding and quick thinking pulled them through.

The final game was played against a team consisting of Messrs. Grant, Crang, VanStraubenzie, and Sifton and the issue was always in doubt. The play for the most part was wide open with lots of action, hard riding and brilliant shooting. Goals were missed on both sides, due to bad breaks but on the whole the final score 8 to 5½ was a very fair indiction of the play. The ponies on both teams were tiring a little towards the end of the third chukker but it was noticeable that the

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condition of the R.C.D. ponies was much better—than that of the others. Credit must be given especially to that old stalwart 'Maple' He carried his owner through three consecutive chukkers played a perfect game, and was still ready to carry on after the end.

Thanks are due to Mr. Crang who very kindly gave a party for the polo plaers, at which miniatures of the shield were presented to the winning team by Mr. George Beardmore, M.F.H. We must not finish either, without a word of praise and thanks for our manager-coach Captain S. C. Bate. Unable to play this year on arcount of an injured knee, and in spite of being about to join the ranks of the Benedicts, he was a great help at all times, and was as enthusiastic as if he were playing himself. Here's to next years season, and may we be successful again. Riding, Sport, Thrills and Action are seen seperately, but in polo, they are combined, and appeal to the heart of every horseman.

J. D. B. S.

### Camp Sports.

Niagara-on-the-Lake

Before anyone had even time to unpack their football boots, etc., a meeting of the Sports Committee was held at Niagara Camp, and as usual a varied programme of sports was outlined, embodying cricket matches baseball and soccer game, between troops, as well as fixtures with local and out of town clubs.

Due to the fact that a number of our athletes our going to the Small Arms School late this month, the schedule called for games every evening with the exception of weekends.

At the time of writing, the baseball and cricket schedules are in full swing; two of the former having been completed. 2nd troop beating 1st troop, 24-22 and losing to 3rd troop 53-19. The last annual game was a regular slugging bee, with the third troop enjoying some real batting practice, while 2nd troop, were always threatening, but could never head their opponents. 'Hughie' Walton on the mound for third troop pitch-

ed a steady game throughout, and will probably be the 'public choice' in the game against the R.C.R. later on. Mr. Phillips was accorded poor support and what should have been easy 'outs' went for home runs, which accounts for the size of the score. Two games of cricket have alo been played, 1st troop loing to 3rd troop, scoring 53 runs against 107 for 5 men put up by 3rd. The feature of this match was a fine innings by John Martin, who scored 43 not out before retiring. In the other cricket match completed to date, 2nd troop defeated 1st troop 57 to 20. Mr. Phillips scoring 35 not out, and being very effective with the ball as well. Tpr. Hobbs and Stratton also did some nice bowling, a slid Tpr. O'Neill, another dark horse. To judge by the interest displayed so far, the schedule is due to be a big success, and the play of the newcomers is bound to improve, so that we may venture forth and seek new world's to conquer. A game isbeing asked for with the Niagara Falls Cricket Club on Sunday, June 17th, and we hope to have a full report on this match later

The Squadron Dismounted Sports are being held early this year, and already many of the runners are out at night, chasing each other over the countryside, and getting in shape. We are making free use of the time, season, and ground which is available to us during the summer months.

### Nobly Done, Forsooth

Although the men of horse were fame for their skill and prowess in he field of battle, they-had also long been accustomed to meeting among themselves on the Field of Sport, and so it came to pass that the men of the Leading troop were pitted against the formidable men of the rear or third troop, engaged in mortal combat at Ye Ancient and Honourable Game of Rounders. This Rounders, at which the men of the Horse had acquired no mean skill, consisted of a Striker striking the ball out of reach of the fielders, the while he ran to the three corners and back to the starting place before the ball had been returned to any of the base-

men. The ball was then returned to the Flinger who flung it at great speed to the next Striker. The rear or third troop had acquired nation wide fame at this pastime, for they had a Flinger who flung with dazzling speed, and such was his wizardry that few strikers could smite his offerings. However, the leading troop were no whit abashed by the fame of their opponents, for they had proven themselves time and time again, as having no equal for spirit, courage and sportsmanship, which are of primar importance on the field of battle, and in the arena, and had carried them to victory many times against the sternest of opposition.

Howbeit, it so happened that for the nonce, the men of the Leading troop were smiting the ball hip and thigh, out of reach of even the fleetest of the fielders, the while they ran around the corners, chasing each other around, and earning for their team and troop large numbers of runs, the while their comrades macked and jeered at the rival Flinger, shouting 'Ods Blud, what manner of Warrior is he, who can never fling the ball straight" and "Meseems he is about to rise off the ground" calling such jibes in no uncertain voice, hoping the meanwhile to cause him to fling the ball haphazard, and so enhance their teams chance of winning, for 'tis an old adage among the Men of Horse.' As a Flinger Flings, so goes the Tide of Victory. At the fielding, the men of the Leading troop also exelled, stopping the hardest hit ball, and beating the Striker to-any of the corners, in such manner that he could not score. Their Flinger also, while he lacked the lightning like speed of the opposing Flinger could compel the ball to move in wide curves, in such manner as to befuddle the opposing Strikers, and to cause them to swing as at the air. As the game neared its close, the men of the Rear or Third Troop, sensing defeat, made a valiant stand, but the Leading Troop were not to be so cajoled, and they quickly retired the side to assure themselves of the Victory. After the Game, and the field of battle had been cleared, there was much 'Huzzaing" among the men of the Lead-

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ing troop, for the Rear troop had been chosen-by many as unbeatable. Many were the wagers collected, for there had been heavy wagering, while the others taunted the losers, not forgetting while, that 'A good winner always spares a thought for the defeated' That most learned of men, the scorer then announced that all troops were even, and this caused the rear troop to take Heart, and threatened for vengeance and sterner measures against their opponents in future battles, not forgetting however that 'A Loser loses Many Times the value of a Game."

J.B.H.

### Sergeants' Mess Notes, TORONTO

Niagara Camp

The annual evacuation from Stanley Barracks has prevented your humble servant from making any notes of the Mess so will have to rely on memory so here you

On arrival this year our mess being occupied by the R.C.R. wa were attached to the unit for rations and what have you until the 6th at which time took over our quarters and are again settled down for our Summer vacation.

We are all pleased to renew acquaintances with both H.Q. 'C' and 'D' Coys. R.C.R., all are looking fit and apparently liked it here, in fact D Coy, stayed on another 10 days.

The 'Golf Course' is under way and cries of 'fore' shatter! the still air. A Golf tournament is to be staged in the near future, details will be given later.

It is with regret that we learn that S.M.I. H. E. Karcher, is at present confined to bed.

Sergt. Major Shoulders of the Pay Staff is also a bed patient and Q.M.S. Merryday of the same Corps is just recovering from a serious operation. We trust that these members have a speedy recovery.

S.M. G. Bewley, of H.Q., Staff has joined the ranks of civilian life, and Sergt, 'George' Martin, R.C.A.M.C. is on furlough pending discharge to pension.

Q.M.S. MacLean is still walking about with the aid of a stick, it 's expected by the time of going to press he will be on hand again as usual.

Sergt. T. Jackson, is very busy these evenings, 'seeking a crow' as he puts it.

S.M.I. J Dowdell, S/Instr. R. Harris and S/Instr. H. Costello are slated as Instructors at the C.S. A.S. and will leave at the end of the month for that duty.

S.S.M.I. J. Copeland, and Sgt. J. Langley are taking 'A Wing'. and Serg'ts. Green and Nickle 'B' Wing at the C.S.A.S. and will be leaving also around the end of this month.

Q.M.S.I. T. King has been assigned as Assistant Instructor for a short Camp at Port Stanley.

R.Q.M.S. J. Hilton, reports that he is very busy these days, watching Stanley Barracks.

Q.M.S. H. Simpson is at present on furlough pending discharge to pension, and M. J. Gilmore. is acting "quarter bloke."

The Office Boy.

### The Machine Gun Corps.

It is rumoured in the press that there is a likelihood of the Machine Gun Corps being revived. Formed in 1916, the corps at one time had four 'branches,' namely (a) the Machine Gun Corps Ca-

Infantry, (c) the Motor Machine Gun Service, and (d) The Heavy Brigade, Machine Gun Corps, but the latter soon became a separate organization as "The Tank Corps". At first the Machine Gun Corps Infantry was organized in companies, one to each infantry brigade. Later these companies were amalgamated in battalions, each battalion being known by the number of the division to which it belonged. Thus, for example, the machine gunners attached to the 38th Welsh Division belonged to the 38th Bn of the Machine Gun Corps.

The badge of the corps showed two Vickers machine gun barre's, crossed saltire-wise, with a crown above. The nickname of 'the Suicide Club' was sometime applied to the corps during the war. and this evidently had some foundation of fact to justify it, if the casualty lists are any criterion, for 1,120 officers and 12,671 other ranks of the Machine Gun Corps gave their lives valry, (b) the Machine Gun Corps for King and Country, while

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nearly 50,000 members of the corps were wounded, missing, or taken prisoner. These figures represent more than 25 per cent of the enlisted strength. The Regimental war memorial is in Grosvenor Place, London, between the Mall Gates and Saint George's Hospital. It shows the figure of David, leaning on the sword he has taken from Goliath.

R. Maurice Hill.

### Records Of Other Regiments.

The Ninth Queen's Royal Lancers

Battle Honours

'Pen:nsula' Punniar,' 'Sobraon' 'Chillianwallah' 'Goojerat' 'Punjab' 'Delhi'. 1857' 'Lucknow' 'Charrasiah' 'Kabul, 1879' 'Kandahar, 1880' 'Afghanistan, 1879-80' 'Modder River' 'Relief of Kimberley' 'Paardeberg' 'South Africa 1899-1902' 'Retreat from Mons,' 'Marne 1914' 'Aisne 1914' 'Messines, 1914' 'Ypres, 1924 15' 'Somme, 1916-18' 'Arras, 1917' 'Cambrai, 1917-18' 'Rosieres' 'Pursuit to Mons'.

The Ninth Lancers have a very fine record of service and are justly regarded as one of the most distinguished cavalry regiments in the British Army.

Originally raised in 1697, disbanded at the Peace of Utrecht and re-formed in 1715 at time of the Jacobite Rebellion, the regiment's first fighting was done on English soil-at Preston, Lancashire, in an engagement with a rebel force. Its next service was also against rebels-in the Irish Rising of 1798. The regiment, which was converted into Light Dragoons in 1783, served for eighty six years in the Land of the Shamrock, returning to England in 1803. Few British regiments had a more uneventful career during the Eighteenth Century-but there were plenty of opportunities for the regiment to gather laurels in the Nineteenth and Twentieth.

In 1806 the Ninth went to South America and took part in the attack on Buenos Aires. On their return they had the misfortune to be shipwrecked in Mount's Bay Cornwall. In 1809 the regiment with four Battle honours for the

took part in the Walcharen Expedition and the siege of the Dutch port of Flushing. Two years later they joined Wellington's Army in the Peninsula and were present at a Arroyo dos Molinos and Badajoz. At this time their uniform was blue with buff facings and sil-

In 1816 the Ninth were converted into Lancers, and in 1830 while stationed at Kensington the regiment became Barracks great favourites with King William IV and Queen Adelaide. In consequence of this they were given the title of the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers, and allowed to wear the Royal Cypher of Queen Adelaide on their appointments.

During the regiment's first tour of service in India, it fought in the First and Second Sikh Wars. The Indian Mutiny, which commenced in 1857, opened a glorious chapter in the history of the 9th Lancers. It was in this campaign that they gained a dozen V.C's (the largest number ever gained by a cavalry regiment in one campaign,) also their well-known nickname of "The Delhi Spearmen." On June 8th 1857 at Budle Ke Serai, Lieut. Jones, with his squadron of the Ninth, charged and dispersed a large body of rebels; then. turning their attention to an enemy gun, killed the gunners and drivers, turned it on a village occupied by the mutineers, and, with the assistance of an artillery officer, shelled the village with such good effect that the enemy had to evacuate it. This was described in despatches as "a well-conceived act, gallantly executed", and Lieutenant Jones was given the V.C. Most of the crosses of the 9th Lancers were won by N.C.O's and men who saved comrades from positions of extreme peril; some members of the regiment were decorated for acts of this nature repeated two or three times over. When the Ninth left India the Gov.-General ordered a salute of forty one guns to be fired in the regiment's hon-

Another V.C. was won for the regiment by Captain Lord Wm. Beresford, who saved the life of a sergeant of the 24th Foot during the Zulu war. The 9th Lancers are the only cavalry regiment,

Afghan War of 1878-80 and they were also the only British cavalry regiment to take part in Lord Robert's famous march from Kabul to Kandahar.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in his book, "The Great Boer War" described the 9th Lancers as "the Regular regiment which bears away the honours of the war," and certainly no other cavalry unit did more work in South Africa than the Ninth, who were the only cavalry regiment to receive so many as four Battle Honours for the campaign, six D.S.O's and ten Distinguished Conduct Medals were awarded to members of the regiment for services in South Africa. The Ninth qualified for the King's Medal with two clasps and the Queens Medal with ten claspsa greater number than any other cavalry corps.

The outbreak of the Great War found the 9th Lancers at Tidworth, and, to quote from a letter which Captain F. O. Grenfell wrote to his uncle, Field Marshal Lord Grenfell, on the day of embarkation (15th Alugust 1914) "The regiment was never better or more prepared in its history. We leave very quietly, as if marching to manoeuvres, but a more magnificient regiment never moved out of barracks for war." The regiment covered the retirement the 5th Division during the Retreat from from Mons, and on one occasion made a charge on unbroken inflantry supported artillery fire, and was complimented by General Fergusson on its true cavalry spirit." Capt. F. O. Grenfell was awarded the V.C. for his share in rescuing the guns of the 119th Battery R.F.A. his will Capt. Grenfell left his V.C. and medals to his regiment, to whom the honour of my gaining the Victoria Cross was entirely due, thanks to its splendid discipline and traditions." last message to his squadron. when he was mortally wounded at the second Battle of Ypres in May 1915 was "Tell them I died happy, loving them all."

At Montcel on September 7th 1914, Colonel David Campbell, commanding 9th Lancers, with his adjutant, Captain Reynolds, and forty five of his men, charged and

Garde Dragoner Regiment of Berlin-one of the few cavalry 'shock' actions (lance versus lance) of the Great War.

At Messines on October 31st 1914 Corporal Seaton, 9th Lancers, behaved with extraordinary courage. With the idea of helping the withdrawal of his regiment, he remained behind on his trench, absolutely alone, working his machine gun until the enemy were within twenty yards." He was recommended for the V.C. but received the Distinguished Conduct Medal. In May 1915 the regiment d'd splendid work in holding its trenches south of the Menin Road at Hooge. An eye-witness' account says "The 9th Lancers, badly gassed and heavily attacked-all but outflanked, in fact-held on gallantly during a day of the fiercest fighting and saved the line."

The regiment remained on the Western Front throughout the war, and earned twenty five more Battle Honours between 1914 and 1918, a number equalled by only one other regiment of cavalry of the line. The 9th Lancers have the distinction of having won more Vic. toria Crosses (fourteen) than any other cavalry regiment in the British Army, while their total number of Battle Honours (forty one) is surpassed by one cavalry regiment only.

The regimental cap and collar badges show the figure '9' upon crossed lances with a crown above and the word 'Lancers' on a scroll below. The uniform of the regiment is blue, with scarlet facings, and black and white plume.

R. Maurice Hill.

### FIFTEEN YEARS SINCE THE FEAT OF ALCOCK AND BROWN

On June 14, 1919, Alcock and Brown began, and the next day completed, the first airplane flight across the Atlantic. We have already expressed the opinion that it was perhaps the greatest airplane flight in history. It marked an epoch, just as the earlieer flights of the Wright brothers marked an epoch, and the later crossing of the English Channel by Bleriot marked an epoch in routed a hundred of the First aviation. A short time before Al-



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With equal daring Alcock and Brown rose from the Newfoundland coast and disappeared in the east. The next day they landed in Ireland not far from a wireless station, having been the first to reach the goal of which other fliers had dared to dream. The record of that flight shows it to have been one of the most hazardous ever undertaken, before or since. It is to be remembered that the airplanes in 1919 were compared with the air planes of 1934, much as the motor cars of 1919 are to the cars today. They were in almost a rudimentary stage of their development. The fliers were without the information about the weather ahead of them upon which transatlant'c fliers today can depend, and in accordance with which they set their course. Their instrument board was a crude and sparsely equipped thing compared with the elaborate instruments of precision now at the command of airmen.

Much of their journey was through fog and storm. They were for part of the time actually flying upside down, and on one occasion they discovered this when they found themselves a few yards from the surface of the ocean. Nerves of steel and hearts of oak, as well as a natural instinct for flying, made their great feat possible, and should make their names remembered as long as time shall last, or at least until flying itself shall become obsolete. It is a grave injustice to these heroes that other men, making flights under vastly easier conditions, should have been able to capture the public fancy, and win a reverberating and increasing fame while they, the real pioneers are almost forgotten. But Alcock and Brown, we suppose, were perhaps the last of all people to think of this, for they knew that at least their place was secure in the hearts of their peers.

(The Mail and Empire)

## A Visit to St. Johns, 1807.

Extracts from Lambert's Travels, 1806-08.

On the afternoon of the 10th November 1807, I left Montreal in company with the American Captain, and crossed over in a canoe to Longueuil, which lies on the South East shores of the St. Lawrence. There we hired a Calasle and proceeded about nine miles up the river to Laprairie de la Madelaine, a small village which derived its name from the extensive meadow land in its vicinity, dedicated to Mary Magdelene. This place contains about 100 houses, a Church and two or three inns kept by Americans but the town is inhabited, mostly by French Canadians. It is the medium of communication between Montreal and St. Johns, and the commerce carried on between the United States and lower Canada. slept at Laprairie that night and in the morning set off for St. Johns in an American stage drawn by three horses. Though I was still in Canada, the novelty of such a vehicle made me fancy myself already in the United States, and the illusion was increased by meeting with American Innkeepers who spoke English, and everything else presented a great contrast to the Maîtres des Postes on the other side of the river. About two miles from Laprairie we stopped at an American Tavern to breakfast, and for a quarter of a dollar were plentifully supplied with beef, eggs, steaks and tea, and to add to the pleasure of our dejeuner were attended by a very pretty girl. A few habitant houses and farms are scattered along road, but a great part is yet uncultivated. Within two or three m'les of St. Johns the road reaches the Richelieu River, and, bending to the right proceeds along its bank unt'l it approaches the village. The country on the East or left bank of the river is unsettled and covered with thick woods

on the other side. Along the road towards the village there are a few indifferent farms; the appearance is of a new country though it is upwards of 70 years since the Fort at St. Johns was constructed.

We arrived at St. Johns about one o'clock and having been recommended to Watson's tavern I put up there till the wind was favourable for the vessel to sail.

The village of St. Johns consists of one short street of houses most of which are stores and Inns. Among the latter Cheeseman's and Watson's are the best, they are Americans, and the former keeps the best Inn at Laprairie, he is also owner of most of the stages which run between the two places. Accommodations at both taverns are however very indifferent, though superior to what are afforded at the Canadian Post houses.

There is a custom house in this village where the exports to and imports from the States are registered and the duties paid. It stands in the Fort which is situated about 200 yards from the village, the latter contains a magazine, a few pieces of cannon and a detachment of soldiers, but it is altogether incapable of effectual defence. The fortification consists of a sort of earthen redoubt, thrown up around a few houses and a magazine, and strengthened with cedar picketing.

I had waited two days at St. Johns during which I was prevented going out of doors in consequence of the wet weather and bad roads. I was therefore obliged to remain three days longer imprisoned in this miserable village. I amused myself with reading an old book which the Landlord lent me called "The Independent Whig" published in 1720 and containing much satire and invective against the High Church or Tory party and the Ministers of the established religion. This book was formerly much read in the English Colonies of America and tended greatly to assist that spirit of independance and republicism which afterwards led to the Revolution.

Re the 'Habitants': Milk and water is the usual drink of the females and younger part of the faraily. Rum is however the cordial

balm which relieves the men from all their cares and anxieties.

### The Royal Tournament, Olympia 1934.

On the 22nd of May I made an entry in my diary which reads as follows:-Saw the Royal Tournament. Best Show in ten years. Now when the great annual Service display at Kensington merits such an enconium as that you of the Royal Canadian Dra goons, past and present, may take it from me that I have seen a superlatively good performance. Add to the pleasure of the entertainment, the usual welcome five minutes chat with the ever genial and courteous Captain Byrne, T. D. to whom I owe the privilege of the Press Box, and you lowe the altogether ineffective account of the proceedings, you can imagine that Jack Rowe and 'your's truly' had a really enjoyable evening.

The programme opened with a jumping competition, or rather a heat of some of the competitors for the Prince of Wales cup. This is an innovation, and one to be recommended as the public thoroughly enjoy the spectacle of well ridden horses, handled necessarily by some of the finest riders amongst the officers of the British Army. I am not an authority on show jumping, and perhaps can give you the best idea of the kind of performance put up by quoting the gallant Jack's verdict as the last rider left the ring "Well, Jimmy, that would have been easy money for Captain Hammond."

The recruits of the Royal Air Force well maintained the high standard of Physical training in their display, which one has come to expect from them at Olympia, and this years squad seemed to me

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I have previously, I think given you the details of the Royal Navy Field Gun Display. This event is just as strenuous as ever, and the teams we saw competing were from Devonport and Portsmouth. Jack Rowe, who by this time was just getting into his stride so to speak, would persist in referring to them most irreverently as 'Duffy' and 'Pompey' I had better not tell you which won this particular spot of bother-for thats the only way to aptly describe this turn-as the losing team put up the slowest show that I have ever seen a Navy team run, and at that they were by no means in the undertaker class. Anyway they thrilled the vast audience immensely and well earned the loud cheers which ushered them out.

The 7th Hussars have quite definitely earned for themselves a

new title as a result of the splendid turn with which they enlivened the proceedings this year. They should for ever be known as Lord George Sangers Own, as I am positive that had that fine old showman been privileged to see their display he would have wanted to purchase the immediate discharge of every man and horse in the outfit to add to the attractions with which he used to delight the poulation of the British Isles, 40 years ago. He would have top-lined them too. With the exception of four cowboys. The motif of their act was Golliwog and this was well carried out. Men were dressed as Golliwogs and diminutive ponies had large Golliwogs strapped to their saddles .Some very good clowning some most expert tent-pegging, a donkey and cart as a living obstacle, and some fair ladies in Oh such short skirts and tights, making a display of lingerie as they galloped up the ring all standing a on the horses backs, or upside down, caused my gallant colleague to blush most furiously. Every man and horse in the ride worked fast and with evident enthusiasm for their job, and the hearty and prolonged cheers which marked the close of this splendid act were just as enthusiastic. Well done the seventh.

The Army Gymnastic Staff introduced a new note into their turn this year with the aid of that prosaic article, a kitchen chair—I beg your pardon-chairs, common, soldiers, for the use of several. If you are tired of the ordinary way of using your chair, apply to the Army Gymnastic Staff. I don't know if they intend to make their way of usng chairs general through out the service but if so, there's going to be some fun in the Sergeant's mess of the future Imagine the R.S.M. taking the chair at a Mess Meeting gravely sitting down on a mat, facing away from the chair and then slowly, and, of course with due dignity,

rolling head over heels twice and arriving on the chair right way up. He would, naturally leave the chair by the process of grasping both sides of it firmly, and suddenly somersaulting backwards, with the chair, mark you, would land on his feet facing the Mess and calmly walk away. This would go a considerable way towards imbuing Mess meetings with an air of comradship and good fellowship not always noticeable at such functions. At this juncture, Jack proposed that we should go home after the show and practice some of these tricks in my kitchen, but on reflecting on the probable line of action Mrs. Dee would take in the matter we decided that we had much better not, used as that little lady is to the idiosyncrasies of Royal Canadian Dragoons, I think I told you at length last year what the A.G.S .do to horses -wooden ones. Well believe me soldiers there 'aint nothing those guys can't do to a wooden horse.

Whats that? Well honestly I think they'd damn near do that. When they got really going over the horses, friend Rowe turned to me and said "More like flying fish then anything I've ever seen, Jimmy. These guys make me go cold all over" I heartily subscribe to his feelings. They're wonderful.

'F' [Sphinx] Battery R. H. A. Riding right up to their reputation Beautifully turned out, the Review Order of the drivers and the swerving teams, wicked looking guns, with everything burnished to the limit, make a stirring picture that remains with one long after the event. Nothing unusual about the drive, even the hard galloping pace from start to finish and the marve lous judgment of both lead and wheel driver is quite normal with the Royal Horse Artillery. Well may the officen in charge look proud of them as he turns to salute the distinguished General Officer in the Royal box at the conclusion of one of the high lights of this splendid show. , The Royal Marines this year give a display which affords an interesting glimpse into the past history of the Sea Regiment, by means of two detachments dressed as in the time of the pikemen. and later in the period of the Georges. Pikemen in a surprising vellow with an exceedingly courteous officer in command ably assisted by an equally discourtcous Sergeant, Musketeers in brill'ant scarlet and white, under an officer who saluted with both left hand and sword at the same time, in a most dignified manner To offset these ancient warriors the present King's Squad Royal Marines from the depot at Deal occupied the centre of the arena. Arm drill, Well my tribute to-then is that if the League of National ever saw these lads use their arms. they'd vote solid against any further Disarmament proposals, so perhaps its as well they can't see them, I see according to the official programm that the best lad of the bunch is entitled to wear the King's badge on the left shoulder for the whole length of his service irrespective of rank. It is a laurel wreath surrounding the G.R. and the winner thereof must be a very happy and proud youngright to wear it.

My old. Imperial regiment, the Royal Horse Guard's [Blues] have a combined display and Musical Ride this year which is far and away the finest cavalry episode of that order, that I have ever seen. It is an extraordinary successful departure from the usual and will put other regiments on their mettle to think of something fresh for future years. Sixteen file enter the Arena preceded by the drums and trumpeters, in state dress, and followed by another sixteen file in the old time stable jackets, white breeches and hessian boots. Their headdress is the pill box, which I never thought to see again. One can see that these men are not of the pill box generation, as it were, for they have not the air of carrying the forage cap in the jaunty manner which we had. To get to the Ride however. There are two ramps in the centre of the ring with brushwood jumps at the far end of each. The Review Order ride carry on with the usual figures and for a time are intermingled with the stable jackets. Suddenly one is surprised to see the horses of the stable jackets lying down, with review order ride doing the Ladies Chain in and out of the prone steeds. Every horse down and not a head raised, testifies to the immense care bestowed on the training for this act, and this is confirmed in the mind of the spectator when he sees the stable jickets jumping the ramps on and off-under the crossed lances of the review order ride. Then the mounted trumpeters take their places on the ramps, and both rides perform the spiral around them at each end of the arena. This is marvellously pleasing all the house fairly rises at this superb spectacle. That ride will live long in the history of the Roya Tournament and my personal satis faction that it was the dear old Blues who put on such an epoch making ride, is only equalled by my desire to see the Royal Canadian Dragoons come over and shew 'em something more or ginal

G.R. and the winner thereof must be a very happy and proud youngster, for he'll have really won the ing window Ladder display, and acknowledgement of his great and

as this is carried out some fifty feet above the arena, and there are no nets, one can sense the relief throughout the audience when these apparently nerveless youngsters safely reach terra firma again. I gather from the irrepressible Jack that he once thought of joining the Navy but having seen this act, he is now glad that he did not. He suspects that the Navy is also pleased.

The territorial Army have a very fine show during which they demonstrate most effectively how would come into action against enemy air-craft operating over London, in the event of another 'open season for civilians' arriving. A most convincing action was fought out in the darkened arena, and a direct hit was registered upon a venturesome plane which was brought down in flames. An appeal for recruits was broadcast, and if the audience had heard my gallant companion's remarks upon the scarcity of recruits for the Territorial Army, I am sure there would have been a general rush on the part of the young men in the audience to the nearest recruiting depot.

The pageant put on by the Black Watch, is worthy of far more space than I can afford it. Dressed splendidly, well drilled, and not so boring by reason of ite crowded effects as some of these I have seen, it illustrates very markedly the splendid services of this famous regiment down the ages. The drums make a real exhibition of drumming 'par Excellence' and the pipers despite the caust'e remarks of my comrade, who apparently does not like pipes or, for that matter, pipers. did themselves well.

Thus came to a conclusion another Royal tournament, and the impression left with me is that this years show is going to take some beating. I never expect to see a better, and moreover I never want to see a better. London has many fine shows throughout the year in every phase of entertainment, but nowhere is there a show so well carried out, so well dressed and equipped as that of the Services at Olympia. Many thanks to all ranks, and again the respectful acknowledgement of his great and

## History of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

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Part XII

March 31st. 1918.

The Regiment was relieved by infantry of the 8th Division at 1 a.m. and marched to bivouacs in Bois de Sencat. There was heavy rain all day, as on the preceding day Regimental Headquarters was shelled out of Castel, where it had remained. The unit stood-to until 7 p.m., ready to support the infantry, but was not called on. At 10 p.m. orders were received that the Brigade would make a dismounted attack on Rifle Wood at daybreak.

#### April 1st, 1918

A dismounted detachment, one hundred and twenty five strong under Captain Newcomen, M.C., moved off mounted at 4.30 a.m., under orders of Lt.-Col. Paterson, Fort Garry Horse. near Thennes at daybreak. The led horses were sent back to the Bols de Schoat Captain Moss and Lieut. Jarvis were attached to Lt.-Col. Paterson's staff during the operations that followed.

The attack was to be made on Rifle Wood, one mile South-East of Hangard. This wood had been captured by the Germans and gave them direct observation on Amiens and the Paris railway. The Canadian Cavalry Brigade was to pass through the 5th Cavalry Brigade and clear and occupy the wood Zero hour for the attack was 9 a.m. Describing the action in his book "Adventure" General Seely has written:

My Brigade was again to have the role of encircling the wood which we knew to be held by the enemy. It was much to ask of these valiant men, so soon after their desperate enterprise at Moreuil. But, though greatly depleted in numbers, they were quite unshaken in morale.....

continued courtesy to Captain Byrne and through me to the Roy al Canad'an Dragoons from

F. J. DEE.

At last came the tremendous rattle of our machine-guns, followed by the scream of our shells; simultanoeusly on each side of me the cavarlymen rushed forward to the attack. Col. Paterson led the Canadian Brigade with great skill and dash, and manfully they fulfilled their task. But so did every unit, everyone reaching their objective.

How important the capture of Moreuil and Rifle Woods were considered may be judged by the following remarks addressed a few days later to the Royal Canadian. Dragoons on parade by General Sir Henry Rawlinson, G.O.C., the Fourth British Army:

We have been through a terrible crisis. Your recapture of the Moreuil Ridge was a great feat of arms. It did much to turn the tide and save Amiens But that is not all. It was vital' to the saving of Amiens that Rifle Wood should again be in our hands; but there was no infantry at hand for the purpose. I knew that you were depleted in numbers and very tired, and that you had already done more than your share. But I called on you for the task, as I felt there was no one else available who could successfully do it. I have asked that a cable be sent to Canada informing the Canadian people of your splendid deeds.

In addition to this tribute from Sir Henry Rawlinson, the Canadian Cavalry Brigade cherishes the recollection of a letter written at a later date to General Seely by the Allied Generalissimo, Marshall Ferdinant Foch. Recalling the eventful days in the spring of 1918, Marshal Foch said:

I shall never forget the valour of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade. In March, 1918 the battle reached the gates of Amiens. It was vital to maintain contact between the British and French armies. On March 30th, at Moreuil and on April 1st at Hangard en Senterre, the Brigade succeeded by a magnificient effort and display of oifensive spirit, in holding the

definitely his morale. In the highest degree, thanks to the Brigade. the perilous situation that had existed since the battle opened, was restored.

After participating in the actions to which Sir Henry Rawlinson and Marshal Foch refer is such gratifying terms, the Royal Canadian Dragoons were relieved at 4 p.m. on April 1st, and returned to bivouacs in the Bois de Sencat.

### April 2nd 1918.

On April 2nd, the Regiment changed positions in the Bois de Sencat owing to the shelling, and at 2.45 p.m., moved with the Brigade to the Bois de Boves, where on the following day it was visited by General Sir Henry Raw-

Throughout April 4th the Regiment stood-to saddled up until 4 p.m. after that off-saddling, but remaining on half an hour's notice to move.

Next day the unit moved with the Brigade to Camon, and in the afternoon a detail proceeded to

enemy in check and in breaking Renancourt for 78 remounts. On April 6th, reorganization continued and 38 re-inforcements, the majority of whom had served previously in France, arrived from the base. Re-organization, re-equip ping, training, and cleaning up, continued from April 7th to 9th and on the 10th when the following immediate awards for recent operations were posted; Bar to the Military Cross, Lieut. H. V. Le Mesurier, M.C. Military Cross. Lieut. A. Jarvis and Lieut. H. E. E. Cochrane, D.C.M. Distinguished Conduct Medal-S.S.M. J. Copeland; Bar to Military Medal-Sgt. T. Parkinson; Military Medal Sergts E. King, and F. Dunbar, Cpl. G. Graham and Private S. Palmer. H. Karcher, E. Warlow, H. Bersey, J. Maxwell, R. Harrington, J. Wilson and E. Stop-

#### Nedonchelle and Fontaine

On April 11th, the Regiment marched to Noeux; on the 12th to billets at Conchy; on the 13th, by way of St. Pol, to Huclier, where seventy reinforcements arrived

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from the Canadian Corps, and on the 16th to Nedonchelle.

Here the unit remained for a week, marching to baths on April welcoming Lts. Smeaton. Meikle, Perry and Warren, who arrived as reinforcements from En gland on the 18th, Lieuts. Blue and Medhurst, who arrived on the 19th; and Lieut. A. Case, and 80 other ranks, who reported on the 20th.

The following letter to Gen. Seely from General Pitman Commanding the 2nd Cavalry Division, was published on the 19th.

Please express to all (ranks of your Brigade my appreciation of the great work they have done for the 2nd Cavalry Division during the short time they have been attached. The fighting qualities of the Canadians have been the admiration of us all. Where all have done so brilliantly, it would be invidious to mention any partcular unit.

On the 23rd Lieut. K. G. Atkins and, 80 other ranks left for Abbeville, where a divisional training camp was being formed. That same day and on the 24th there were officer patrols to the front line. At 3 p.m. on the 24th 'B' and 'C Squadrons marched to Predefin and H.Q., and A' Squadron t Fontaine les Boulans. On the 25th B Squadron move to Fontaine, and on the 29th Lieut. Tallman arrived as a reinforcement. On this day Sergt. Greener of C Squadron, who had served with Carey's Force during the strenous days following March 21st, returned to the Regiment having been awarded the Military Medal for bravery in that period.

The Regiment trained in the Fontaine area until May 4th Lts. Booth and John arrived as re-inforcements on the 2nd and on the 4th the Regiment marched independently via Blangy to Lingvillers, and on the 6th, via Domquer, to Vignacourt thencee acros. country and over crops to bivouac in a wood near Frechencourt, North East of Amiens. Here the unit came into Fourth Army Reserve and was attached to the III Corps.

May 7th to 19th, 1918.

May 7th and 8th-Routine, at two hours notice to move. May 9th-Saddled up and stood-to at 5 a.m. Off-saddled at 7 a.m. Party of 120 men to Henecourt at dusk to work all night.

May 10th to 18th-Standing-to at one to two hours notice. Officer patrols to Lavieville and Henencourt. Large working parties at night, chiefly near Senlis. train ing also. May 19th. While a day working party was out, fifteen shells from a 12-inch enemy gun struck in and around the wood where bivouacs were situated. Capt. Johnston, the Regimental Paymaster, and Captain Bullock the Regimental Chaplain were wounded by these shells, as were Lieut. Whitehead and six other

### General Seely Leaves the Brigade

On May 20th, Brig.-Gen. the Rt. Hon. J. E. B. Seeley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who had commanded the Canadian Cavalry Brigade period at Salisbury since the Plain, handed over command, as he was suffering seriously from gas inhaled during the attack on April 1st, and proceeded to England where he became Parliamentary Under Secretary of the Ministry of Munitions and subsequently under Secretary of State for Air Through his great courage and personality, he had become exceedingly popular in the Brigade and left many on leaving, friends behind, Lieut, Col. R. W. Paterson C.M.G., D.S.O., Fort Garry Horse, assumed command of the Brigade on General Seeley's departure and became Brigadier General on May 20th.

#### Training and Sports

From May 21st to 23rd, strong working parties to the front coninued and bombing of the bivouacs area by the enemy aeroplanes occurred by day and night. On the 24th, the Regiment marched to a prepared camp in St. Ouen area. where two weeks of training and sports had been arranged.

June 1918.

On June 1st, Regimental sports were held in the afternoon and

for gallant service in action Major R. S. Timmis had been awarded the D.S.O. and Lieut. Sawers the M.C. There was a regimental concert in the evening of this day, and the 3rd in the G.H.Q. troop Competition, Lieut. Booth's troop C Squadron was declared the win-

From June 4th to 21st training continued, also sports, including Brigade competition. Musketry was practiced, and there were inspections by the Corps and Divisional Commanders.

the 2nd, the Regiment marched, by way of Vignacourt and Flesselles, to bivouac in the Bois Frechencourt.

June 23rd to 26th-At about this time an influenza epidemic began to make startling inroads on the personal of our Regiment and others. Working parties about 150 strong were sent to the front line each day. Sometimes night and day parties were provided. On the 27th and 28th there were no working parties and training was carried out.

On the 27th Major Newcomen M.C., Capt. McKenzie, C.A.M.C. attached R.C.D., and Lieut. Case were admitted to to hospital. Maj D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., following on the 28th, a day also marked by notification that he and the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Van Straubenzee, had been mentioned in Dispatches.

On June 29th and 30th working parties were provided and some training was accomplished. At this time a number of troops from the United States Army were attached to a British formation nearby. Baseball games with these neighbours from across Canada's southern border were held whenever opportunity offered.

July 1918.

July 1st to 3rd-Working parties. Lt. M. H. A. Drury to hospital. The Regiment was visited and addressed by the Hon. N. W. Rowell.

July 4th-The Regiment marched at 2 a.m. to a wood near Allonville, arriving at 3.00 a.m. and standing to until 4 p.m. when it returned to Frechencourt Wood This move was in co-operation with on the 2nd it was announced that. the Australian and American at-

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tack at Hamel, Influenza continued to deplete the Regiment at this time, July 4th being marked by the departure of four officers to hospital; also by the departure of Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., to attend the staff College in England.

On July 5th, the Regiment marched to Bourdon, remaining there, bivouacked on a peat marsh until July 12th. The marsh provided a good bivouac area. and training was carried out under squadron arrangements. The pr culiar and very perceptible undulaation of the ground under the horse's hoofs in the area will be remembered be all who experienced

During this time, water polo and other aquatic sports were popular a number of peat pools being used for the purpose, and the Brigade aquatic sports being held in the Somme Canal.

On July 13th the Regiment marched to a campi across the river between Hangest and Conde-Folie, remaining there until August 5th, training and practicing schemes. There were also sports, Regiment and who later command

and one day a regimental racemeet. During this time all ranks tested their anti-gas protection in the gas chamber. There was a visit to the Regiment by Canadian jour nalists; and on one occasion, a visit by an enemy flight of bombing aeroplanes.

#### The Battle of Amiens

On August 6th, the Regiment marched from Conde-Folie at 8.1. p.m. arriving at Amiens at 1. a.m. and bivouacking near the Jardin des Plantes.

The next day was spent in Amiens making final arrangements and explaining to all ranks the operations that were impending. The Regiment marched at 8.45 p.m. to a point on the Blaney Thronville-St. Nicolas Road, arriving at 12.50 a.m. August 8th. Here the Regiment stood-to saddled.

The energy and initiative of Lt. Col. W. H. Bell during the atter stages of the approach march are recalled. Colonel Bell, who for many years had been with the

ed it, was on Aug. 8th, 1918 commanding a battalion of whippet tanks. Knowing that the Regiment was coming up. he had ridden to meet it and wish it good luck. As he approached the rendez-vous in the pitch black night, traffic became blocked a serious matter with the opening of the attack only a few hours away. Though the responsibility was not Colonel Bell's, he proved himself equal to the occasion, and soon had everything moving. By so doing, he set a fine example of initative in a crisis and, perhaps contributed more than is realized to the success of British arms in the great acton that followed.

### Seat and Hands.

By Lieutenant-Colonel R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., R.C.D.

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The technique of the art of rid-

ing is based so much on the seat and the hands that is is surprising to the student of horsemanship that until comparatively recently these matters have received very little consideration and far less scientific study. All other sciences have made steady progress due to the painstaking manner in which they have been studied. And if we look upon horsemanship merely as a sport, is there any other sport or pastime that has been regarded so carelessly and so unscientifically? Is there any other sport in which the tyro is so apt to think he is master after a very short and limited experience? The old methods have seldom been subjected to critical analysis; they dominated the art for so long that no one ever dared to question their correctness. The forward seat was introduced into flat racing for mechanical reasons, but little advancement has been made off the race course.

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and the focal-plane camera. The slow motion cinematograph has allowed the minutest details to be studied. Photography, in fact, has revolutionized riding. Other nations have male much greater progress than the British, which has never been quick at making changes, especially from methods practiced for centuries. The photographer has proved by visible fact the incorrectness of seat and hands in the old establish methods. We see endless examples of this in the daily and weekly press; in steeplechasing, hunting and show jumping.

It is strange that for so many centuries nothing of a scientific nature was written on the horse, although horses were ridden more than three thousand years ago. The civilized races of Egypt and Palestine rode bareback. Barbarian herdsmen invariably used horses as a means of locomotion. The Eastern races used horses chiefly for war, both for riding and in the chariot. The first book on horsemanship published was by Xenophon (400 B.C.). The horse was not used for agriculture for many centuries. Homer tells us it was used exclusively in war. The saddle was invented about Xenophon's time, but stirrups were not used for another two centuries. The earliest form

The British were the first to use the horse in sport; several centuries passed before other nations followed. Hunting and racing were introduced by the Briton, whose love for sport and for the horse has been responible for the great popularity of hunting. He has always taken his sport as a real recreation-a mental relaxation, and held rightly aloof from commerccial zation of sport.

The sportmen who hunted from boyhood and rode straight and hard-across country in hot blood, became completely convinced that their methods were unbeatable, and whenever anyone has dared to introduce a new method, he has been given a very cold reception. The Briton is still the world's best horsemaster, but in horsemanship he is a long way behind. Many of the European nations, not having the advantage of British hunting, took up the Haute Ecole,

studied riding scientifically, and brought the art to a very high standard. But those of the hunting field scorned it as artificial and savouring of the circus ring.

War has in the past dictated the equipment worn by the horse. The introduction of armour necessitated the deep seated, high cantle saddle and the straight seat and long stirrup. The weight of the armour produced the heavy charger of Cromwell's day when the charge was made at the trot. The modern cow-boy saddle is of similar type and the rider uses a straight leg and long stirrup. These saddles are admirably suited for the purpose for which they were invented. But one cannot jump a horse properly in such a saddle. Baucher, the greatest master of Houte Ecole, never attempted jumping. Xenophon and Newcasttle, masters in their duty admitted the fallacy of the long legged seat in jumping. The long leg used by the British Cavalry after Waterloo was until late in the nineteen: century, suited for the use of the sword and lance in war, it was not suited for jumping. Our present cavalry saddle is much more suited for the long leg seat and the old heavy marching order. It is too high in the arches and too short in the seat. There is not of bit was a piece of rope in the sufficient room on the saddle for the knee in the correct place.

> It is strange that the British Cavalry seat of a century and more ago is now adopted in a ludicrous fashion, by the so-called modern American saddle-horse riders in the show ring. If such absurd and artificial fashions continue it will not be long before the practical uses of the modern show ring will be hard to find. How much more elegant and practical is the seat seen in the British Hack Classes.

> The hunting saddle, with the front of the flap cut well forward. is the only type that will allow the seat and legs to be close to the horse. So many English saddles have the front cut straight down; this allows no room for the knee to rest on the flap unless the leg is held much too straight with the stirrup much too long: Unfortunately, this of course suited the old sit back type of seat in the hunting field.

Special saddles have been intro-

duced by the Italians, and copied more or less correctly by others. They have marked forward cut to the flaps and some have kneepads to increase the grip.

Those with a strong seat should not resort to too much mechanical assistance. But the padding in the sweat-flaps in front of the knees should be sufficient to prevent the knees from sliding forward off the saddle on to the horse's shoulder. With the straight cut flap, used so much in hunting and polo, it is impossible to keep the knee on the saddle if the stirrup is worn at a length to keep the knee in the best position.

The common belief that there is a difference betwen military and civilian riding, and a difference between show jumping and riding across country, should be exploded. There should be no difference at all. The horseshow should be a means to end and any rider or horse trained in the show ring should be better fitted for cross country work. The real object of the show would be as a school for the real thing, which after all is the ra son d'être for indoor schooling. Otherwise the horse show defeats its own object. Unfortunately in the modern horse-show, rich owners who are seldom real horse lovers, resort to any practice to win at all costs It is commercializing sport and departing sadly from the sportmanship and chivalry that have so nobly associated man and horse for so many centuries. No wonder real hunting men decry the show ring and ask what good it does to horse-breeding or to sport. Wealthy people who have no love for horses and many who have never seen their horses except in the ring, own their horses for the love of social distinction or notoriety, or due to the lure for the arc lights or the clapping of hands. Fortunately the British nation has not allowed real sport to degenerate as much as some nations.

To many it appears unreasonable to advocate revolutionary changes in the seat, even in face of what the camera tells us so plainly. There are many that cannot be convinced that the old sit-back seat in the hunting field and the lay back seat in the steeplechase are not the safest and the easiest on the horse. The fact that so and, so won the National this way is no proof that this seat cannot be improved. In fact the very great number of falls of horses and riders every year at Aintree proves that there is a good deal wrong.

The origin of the sit-back seat over jumps was apparently due to the false impression that otherwise the rider would be pitched over the horse's head on landing. This can be proved to be pure imagination. In fact, the forward seat rider even over high jumps is ne ver pitched forward, but it is very common to see those of the old seat catapulted over the horse's head, eespecially when the horse takes off sconer than anticipated.

From the rider's point of view the old seat may be comfortable, but what about the horse? it is he who is doing the jumping and it must be the aim of every horseman to consider the horse first and give him every possible assistance The abuses that the horse is subjected to by improper seat, hands and other faults must be avoided if we are to make real progress in the science of equitation. Hunting conditions and customs have had much to do with the continued popularity of the sit back seat. We see so clearly the error of this seat in the hopeless exhibitions of jumping so often shown in cold blood in the show ring. So long as riders pick up their riding from those poorly qualified to teach it, and act as good, indifferent or bad passengers on their horses, progress in the most successful and most humane methods will not be made. Like all diversions, to learn to r'de takes time and infinite study; there is far too great a tendency to scorn learning and to denounce the riding school.

To be continued

### An Unrecorded Battle

By Spex.

Lieutenant Anthony Drew, of H.M's 120th Foot, was a man with a grievance. In the opening days of the war against Shere Ali, he had volunteered for the transport service, for no better reasons than that his own regiment was not among those selected, and his own desire to see active service just as keen as a British soldier's ought to comer was in want of a horse to

be. His notions of "seeking a bubble reputation at the cannon's mouth" had had a speedy disillusionment. Pir Chowki, the forsaken spot to which he had been sent, is as near as possible equidistant from Jellalabad and Cabul; in other words he had landed halfway between the comforts of cantonments that he had discarded and the excitement of war that he so onged to share. Companions he had none. They had even withdrawn the half-caste apothecary who was there when he first arrived, alleging that six or seven hundred native followers counted for nothing, and that the charge of one European officer was not sufficient to tax the energies of a whole medical main. Moreover, the water was so indifferent, and the place so hot, that "By Order" troops were forbidden to halt there, doing a double stage instead. As for the individual officers who were for ever passing up and down the line they only stopped long enough to change their baggage animals at Tony's depot, and then, countering Drew's offer of a drink with the excuse that it was a long way to the next stage, they would gallop off, and leave him to the society of his beasts once

Tony was on one occasion making his way to his hut when something caught his eye-a cloud of dust that was moving on the Cabul road. Twe've long miles of a plaguey bad road lay between them and the next post, and the stage was one that no man in his senses would attempt on a moonless night. The unknown was near enough for Tony to see that he was a European, and on the instant the full significance of his coming burst upon the lonely man-here was someone who must perforce dine and sleep that night as his guest. With a wild whoop of triumph he quickened his pace, gainof his hut, bade his cook make ready for two, and then, with a sickening dread that it might not be an officer after all, he hurried towards the spot where the stranger had pulled up his panting steed, and was carrying on an excited conversation with the erowd of native followers whom his arrival had called away from their proper work. Tony Drew very speedily made out that the new-

a jargon that was half English his boots to his waist he did not and half Hindustani [which last differ essentially from the offiche spoke "after the way of Stratforde-atte-Bowe'') he was cursing and storming at the unlucky natives, who, for their part, were humbly trying to make him understand that the only riding horse available was the private property of their sahib. The unknown's only idea was that they should show him where this beast was stabled, in order that he might give them practical proof how little he respected the rights of private property. Tony Drew saw that it was time that he interfered, and as he stepped forward the stranger for the first time noticed him, and threw himself off his horse.

"Are you in charge of this post sir? he aemanded .

"I am." replied Drew.

"Then I must trouble you for a horse and a guide to the next stage '

The last thing on Tony's mind was any idea of helping his prospective guest to escape. 'I can give you neither horse nor guide,' he answered firmly.

For a brief space the pair stood and looked at each other in silence. What the stranger saw was a slim, well-set-up young officer. What Tony Drew saw was a tall thin man of some forty years of age, with a wiry figure and a hard bitten face framed in iron the number, though they emptied

carry him further on his way. In too, was peculiar for while from ers who were for ever passing up and down the line, above his belt he was unmistakably a civilian.

> "For what reason do you refuse to he'p me?" asked the unknown and his face fell when Dr ew retorted. 'Have you a permit to use Government carriage?"

> The unknown admitted he had not, and he did not know what a listener is to a man who has not had a real one for weeks past.

> "You have yet to satisfy me that your business is urgent', war what the commandant of Pir Chowki said.

> "Urgent," cried the other. "Why, bless the man, he will keep me here half the night giving him excuses for being in a hurry. Let me introduce myself. My name is Trywell-Alexander Trywell of the Daily Express, and I am riding as hard as I can to the nearest place where I can telegraph-"

> 'You could have done that at Cabul," said Drew. quietly.

"With the wires cut in a dozen places," retorted the stranger. "I had better enlighten you, sir. There has been a battle, sir,—the biggest thing of the war, so far. Thirty thousand tribesmen-perhaps forty would be nearer the mark-against every man that Roberts could muster, not a third of grey hair. The stranger's dress, the hospital to swell the fighting



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and it was touch and go for four hours-in fact, the nearest thing that I have been in all my life, and I've seen everything since the Danish war. Our losses have been dreadful, Dunham Massey was killed, charging at the head of the cavalry, Macpherson was left for dead, Gough and the chief both wounded, as well as heaps of others that you'd know if I had time to tell them to you. I came away in such a hurry that I had not time to get returns of the casualties but you must take my word for it that the butcher's bill will be terrible one. It was cleverly planned, too for they have cut the wires all along the line and if they had not had to deal with Englishmen, led by the finest fellows that ever wore shoe-leather, you'd have had your own throat cut by this.'

"Where did this happen?" asked Tony, who was sick at heart at the thought of all that he had missed.

"At Sitabasti, eight miles from Cabul on the Ghuzni road. I came sure, and must keep going till I find a place where I can wire .. With luck I shall get my message home four-and-twenty hours ahead of the rest."

"You are at my mercy," anwered Tony with a laugh, "and I mean you to dine with me before you attempt the stage."

"You are defrauding the Britsh public of their news."

"And you would defraud me of my guest," said Tony, as he passed his arm through the other's and led him, resisting feebly, towards the hut where the dinner was already laid.

Drew's cook had risen to the occasion, and there was whiskey ample for the pair of them-a bottle that Tony had nursed as one might nurse a magnum of choice champagne. He had always meant that when he got a listener he would keep his tongue on the stretch all the time, but he had not anticipated having to deal with a man of Mr. Trywell's calibre. It was a question which the correspondent did with most energy-

line. They attacked at eight o'clock away as soon as the result was eat, drink, or relate in vivid fashion the details of the great fight that he had just witnessed. Indeed, so striking, so precise was his account that Tony grew sick with anger at the thought of how he had been defrauded once again.

> It came as a surprise that after dinner his guest seemed in less hurry to move. When Drew, laudably anxious that his countrymen should have early news of this momentous fight, suggested ordering out his horse, Mr. Trywell re plied that the long ride and the heavy meal had made him sleepy, he would get a nap while he could. This seemed reasonable enough so Tony hospitably gave him up his own bed, and stretched himself out in a rough lounge chair that one of workmen had made for him. Ho also undertook to keep awake and to call his guest when a couple of hours had passed.

"The best laid schemes of men and mice aft gang agley." The pair had dined well and sat late, and after watching for barely a quarter of an hour Tony in his turn fel!

fast asleep.

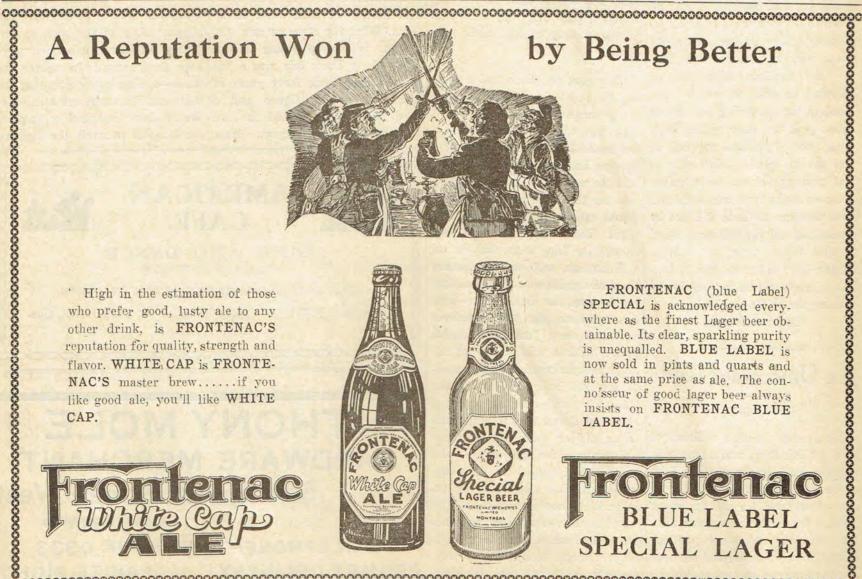
When he awoke it was to find the grey light of another day streaming into the hut. Horrorstricken at his lapse, he spranforward and shook his still sleeping guest by the arm.

"Damn you, Jenkins, can't you let me sleep on," said Mr. Trywell, gruffly. "There is never anything going on in this confounded hole. and I'll take it out between the blankets. 77

The remark about the confounded hole applied admirably to Pir Chowki and Jenkins blankets might have been a term-of-endearment, yet struck Tony that his guests's manner was not what it had been on the previous night. However, he did his duty and shook Alexander Trywell back to consciousness all the same.

"Well, what is it?"—a pause— "and who the devil are you?" asked the great man as he sat up on the side of the bed and stared at his host. "You take a damned liberty with me, sir, when you shake the sleep out of me unbidden. Don't stand there gaping like a stuck pig."

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